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STEAMERS.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched of the above
Ports, TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant,
Noon

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st October 1891. '12

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"BRECONSHIRE,"
 Captain Jackson will be despatched as above
 on or about the 6th October.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 ROBERTS, GARRICK & CO.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1897. [12]
Agents.
STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.

"TEHERAN,"
 Captain V. W. Hall, will leave for the above places on **WEDNESDAY**, the 7th October, Noon.
E. L. WOODIN,
 Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1891. [12]

**DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA"
Captain Goddard, will be despatched of the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 4th instant
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LADD & CO.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1866. (12)

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"GUY MANNERING."

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1881.

Consignees.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamer
"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO."
 The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in the Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from aboard.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessels will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 29th September 1861.

Intimations.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
TO AERATED WATER MANUFAC-

NOTICE is hereby given that all **AERATED WATER BOTTLES** and **SYPHONS** bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Person

possession of the same will be proceeded against
as the law directs.

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1891. [112]

BOARD AND LODGING

VACANCIES for **GENTLEMEN**
BOARDERS, at 79, Wyndham Street
 Apply to **MRS. SWANSTON.**
 Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [1200]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
NOTICE.
A SCRATCH SPOON COMPETITION
will take place TO-MORROW, the 3rd
October, at 2.45 p.m. at KOWLOON. Conditions

seven rounds and one sighting shot, at 200 and
 300 yards. Blaisy positions and rules.
 J. ANDERSON,
 Acting Hon. Secretary
 H.K. R. A.
 Hongkong, 30th September, 1891, [6]

**HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.**
OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.
L. MALLORY.

W. S. MARTEN,
ARTISTIC DECORATOR,
2, DUDELL STREET,

Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [S:]

VICTORIA EMPORIUM,
6 & 8, LYNDBURST TERRACE.

NUMBER SAFETY BICYCLES

HART CYCLE SAFETY BICYCLES.
RUDGE SAFETY BICYCLES.
MACHINES of all sizes, fitted with all the
latest improvements.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. (Signed)

Intimations.

DAKIN'S
PURE VOLATILE
EUCALYPTUS OIL,
DISTILLED FROM
THE LEAVES OF SELECTED
SPECIES OF THE EUCALYPTUS.

EUCALYPTUS OIL has long taken a foremost place as a "household remedy" in Australia. When applied externally it has a powerful stimulating and soothing action, but does not irritate the most sensitive skin, and no application known will so quickly subdue the pain of muscular rheumatism.

Taken internally in small doses, it acts as a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic, whilst its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieves Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Sore Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and germicide, being three times as effective as Carbolic Acid in preventing development of Bacteria, its uses in this direction being very numerous.

The active properties of the Oil depend upon a Terpene called Eucalyptol, and we guarantee this Oil, prepared especially for us, to contain the largest obtainable percentage of Eucalyptol, and twice that of the ordinary Eucalyptus Oil of commerce.

It can be used with great benefit in all Throat and Lung Affections, and its sedative stimulating properties make it an invaluable application in Neuralgia, Rheumatism, &c., whilst its powerful antiseptic and germicide action is well exhibited as a dressing in Wounds, Ulcers, Burns, Scalds, Sores, Ringworm, &c.

Dakin's specially refined Oil is sold in 2 oz. and 4 oz. bottles at 5s. and 10s. each.

Full Directions for use enclosed with each bottle.

CAUTION.

Inferior samples of Eucalyptus Oil distilled from any kind of Eucalyptus leaf have little or no medicinal action and should be carefully avoided.

Nos. 21 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

VEGETABLE

AND

FLOWER

SEEDS,

SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI."

WE have received our second supplies of

FRESH GARDEN

SEEDS,

and we are now executing all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the Seeds are Marginally Numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

N.B.—All Seeds are tested on arrival before being sent out.

DISCOUNTS.

Orders from one person, of from \$5 to \$10, allowed 25 % discount.

Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5 % discount.

Narcissus Bulbs (The Chinese Spring Flower).

A supply just received from the North.

Early application is requested.

CLAYS FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lb each.....\$1.50.

"Bags" 25 lb.....400.

Directions for use are given on the label.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gwalior* left Bombay for this port yesterday.

The worthy Surveyor-General

Perform some wonderful feats.

But we'll soon be attending his funeral.

If he don't quit deserting the streets.

We are informed by the agent of the O. & O. S. Co., that the steamship *Galle*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

The Pope thus slavishly addresses the Queen:

"Most Serene and Most Powerful Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and other Regions, Illustrious Empress of India." Does Lee expect to make a "vert" of Her Gracious?

"You ought," said the smart young man to the banker, as the latter tied up some sixty-day pieces of paper, "to be a musical composer."

"May I ask why?" inquired the banker, as he brushed himself for what was coming.

"Because," replied the smart young man, when he had heard the door, "because you have such a wonderful command over notes."

ALLOW-GRACE Sydney constable, dismissed, after six years' faithful service, from a Chinese-battered beat, for drunkenness, has since drawn \$690 from the bank his honest, hard-earned savings.

THE great sea-serpent recently seen in New Zealand, has "a black back, white belly, two long arms and a flat head." We were not aware he had left this colony; at all events he was slithering himself in his wonted picturesque attitude in Queen's Road yesterday forenoon.

A THOUGHTFUL Georgia editor sums it up as follows:

The editor's life is a rare one:
He lives and he loves and believes,
And when for his toll he gets nothing,
He is thankful for what he receives!

AN Understanding Wanted. Canadian Premier:—Before we fix up any reciprocity treaty there must be one thing—understood. United States Premier:—What is that? Canadian Premier:—Whether you propose sending your scalawags as raw material or finished product.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—

March "Among the Soldiers".....Farrach.
Lancers "Trial by Jury".....Droghda.
Value "Love's Labour's Lost".....Droghda.
Polka "Wild Bells".....Farrach.
Quadrille "Olympia".....Farrach.
Gaby "The Good Blue Bird".....Farrach.

ANNE BRESANT is receiving messages from spirit-land. There is a mysterious soulful yearning in her heart, a longing for something which finds no answer in the spiritual world, except in the bottomless abysses and shifting quicksands of illimitable metaphysics and unexplainable fapoodle. We are sorry for Anne, who was a clever, practical woman of the world once. And how she has gone in strong for spirits alas!

THE Cologne *Gazette* of St. Petersburg correspondent says the Czarina has influenced the Czar in the direction of forming friendly relations with France, and Baron von Mohrenheim, the Russian Ambassador at Paris, has obtained from the French Government the assurance that in the event of Germany being defeated by France and Russia, Schleswig will be returned to Denmark.

CARL Pretzel's Philosophy. A good conscience was more worthy as a barrel of sweet. Boys, it was better, dot, you don't try to kill time. Eternity comes pooty quick enuff anyhow. When ebery feller was so good as he was expect his neighbor to be, then dis world would be a paradice. Dhere was much too platidy fellows in dis world dot hafe lofe for dtheir friends only in der days of dtheir prosperidy. It was a sure ting dot if good sense don't was sown in der hoosan field dthen der taras vill surely come der ground ub.

A FEW weeks ago the steamer *Chimborazo*, during a excursion to Norway, struck a rock, the captain promptly ordered out the boats, which were soon filled in the usual order of "Indies first." "I will never leave without my husband," protested one lady as the third boat was lowered. "Make yourself easy, my dear madam," was the answer, "he left by the first boat." This is very much like the manly gallantry displayed on board the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney* on the Japanese coast the other day.

THE latest addition to the fleet of the Indo-China S. N. Company is the *E. S. S. S. S.* which arrived here this morning under the command of Capt. W. Carmichael. She is reported as being a most serviceable boat, and can skim along at the rate of eleven knots an hour, and is of the latest type of approved naval architecture. A sister ship, the *W. S. S. S.*, which has been built for the same Company has left, or is about to leave, for the East under the command of Capt. Sawyers, late of the *Fookiang*. We believe that both ships are intended for the Shanghai-Tientsin trade.

ADVERTISING is not by any means brought to perfection only in the United States, some startling novelties having lately been attempted in other countries. In Scotland a soap manufacturer offered to pay a Presbyterian congregation, £100 per annum for the privilege of putting round the front of the church gallery a beautifully gotten-up card displaying the advertisement of the firm. The session clerk brought the matter to the notice of the good deacons, and argued in favor of accepting the proposal, on the ground that "cleanliness was next to godliness," and cleanliness in this case represented £100 per annum to the kirk. Result not yet to hand.

THE shareholders in the National Bank of China are to be congratulated upon having secured the services of one of the most competent chartered accountants that the East has ever known, in the person of Mr. J. Anderson, late of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China. Mr. Anderson resigned the Chartered Bank's service for more glittering prospects in the bill and bullion brokerage field, and although his realizations of support surpassed his most sanguine expectations, he has nevertheless been recruited for the advancement of the National's interests. That both the institution with which he has enmeshed his fortunes, and Mr. Anderson himself, will derive considerable benefit from the connection, is the solid opinion of all who know the man and the character of the banking business. Already we are pleased to note that the scrip of this bank in the boom, shares having advanced at a phenomenal rate in the course of two days.

JOE Chamberlain summed up:—"Joseph Chamberlain smiles; he does not laugh. His smile is peculiarly unsatisfactory, as if an older had taken to grinning. Mr. Chamberlain, too, has a wandering, unsteady eye, and a habit of glancing furtively around him, as if he expected each moment to be arrested. Chamberlain is chiefly known by his bitter advocacy of the coercion of the Irish democracy. He began life as a debating society Tory. Then he became a Republican; and now he has rejoined the Tory party. All his inclinations, manners, and dealings savour of the shoddy middle-class whose god is wealth, and who look upon Heaven as a place where special stalls are reserved for themselves. The sky will fall when anybody trusts Mr. Chamberlain, but the sky is not likely to fall." This description would fit a certain local would-be amateur politician, who shall be nameless, like a glove.

SAYS the Sydney *Bulletin*: Those who argue that the attack made in the N.S.W. Parliament on Judge Docker's manner of administering what he calls justice was cowardly because the attacked "had no opportunity to reply," should remember that it was Judge Docker's persistent unnecessary attacks on prisoners, witnesses, and jurors who really had no opportunity to reply that provoked members' criticism. Besides, it is absurd to say that a Judge is defenceless. He can write to the papers (as many Judges have done), and even the meanest Judges are religiously loaded to by the daily press, which has in N.S.W. unblushingly compounded many absolute judicial crimes. The Judges have to be taught (and the day approaches when they will be taught) that there is nothing "sacred" about their office any more than there is about that of the scavenger—that they are simply the overpaid servants of a long suffering community, and that if they are cheeky to their masters they will be fired right out just as a grocer fires out his rebellious shopkeeper. The first thing to be done to bring them to their senses is to strip them and their minions of their absurd wigs and military

A MELBOURNE weekly is very rough on John L. Sullivan. "Go to the Ants thou slug-hard," &c.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy* left Singapore for this port to-day at 7 a.m.

On the 21st ult., at about 9 p.m., a collision took place off Sultan's Shoal light-ship, not far from Singapore, between the steamers *Billiton* and *Venus*, in which both vessels were damaged, but neither seriously. No lives were lost.

An inquiry into the death of two men who were suffocated by charcoal-fumes at the Hongkong Dispensary on the 30th ult., was opened by Mr. A. G. Wise at the Magistrate's Court. The jury were instructed to view the scene of the accident, and the investigation was then adjourned until Wednesday next, at 2 p.m.

HENRIETTA Weather of Sydney *Evening News* and universal penny postal system, arrived at Colombo on the 13th ult. *en route* to Australia. In response to an interviewer he stated that his opinions on imperial penny postage were gaining the upper hand, and that he meant to agitate for the reduction of cablegram charges. Good man Henrietta. It is about time that the almost prohibitive charges of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company were cut down. We say the Eastern Extension, advisedly for the Northern Telegraph Company bossed but an ordinary Melbourne route compared with that of the one-time rival Company. We, in common with the public of China, require cheap telegraphic facilities, and that they must come is absolutely certain.

PROBABLY the most notable of Australian aboriginals has just "gone" in the person of Johnny Mullagh, the celebrated cricketer. Mullagh in his day was a grand all-round athlete, and his fine physical proportions and intelligent speech tempted the *Saturday Review* to dub him "the finest specimen of a savage ever seen in England." Mullagh, who spoke English as clearly as an educated white, was looked upon as a very superior person by his fellow blacks; in fact, he was generally addressed as "Mr. Mullagh. Bullocky, another member of the team taken to England by Lawrence, was one day playing against his compatriot at Coleraine, and, as usual, had been indulging in the rosy. Consequently he twirled a little too soon at one of Mullagh's temples, and resulted proved fatal. When passing the bowler, Mullagh said, "What made you slog at that one, Bullocky?" "Well, Mr. Mullagh," was the response, "I bin see two balls, and I hit at the wrong one." Mullagh was the last of his tribe. Though quite black he was comely, his profile being of a pronounced Semitic type. We knew Mullagh in England over a score of years ago, and regret to hear that he has joined the majority. For the foregoing particulars we are indebted to our colleague of the *Sydney Bulletin*.

RUSSIANS abroad. From a recent Singapore exchange we gather that two Russians, sailors or firemen, of the *St. Petersburg* drove up to the Oriental Hotel on North Bridge Road, alighted, and made signs to the "ricksha puller to go away. The coolie demanded his fare, and the Russians thereupon assaulted him. A Malay policeman came up at this juncture and interfered, whereupon one of the Russians whipped out a murderous looking knife, and would undoubtedly have stabbed the police officer, had he not been for the timely intervention of two Europeans who were passing. After some struggle, in the course of which the "ricksha puller got wounded, the knife was wrested from the Russian, and the pair were taken to the station, two Malays dragging one, and one of the Europeans taking the other. The Police ascertained that the *St. Petersburg* was about to leave and sent the men on board. In the case in point several onlookers declared that the knife was drawn with evident intent to kill. The Singapore police surely deserve a richly earned silver medal for their action in this matter. When we attempt to commit murder they are generally held responsible to the laws of the land in which the attempt is made, but the "genius" who runs the police force in Singapore apparently thinks that prosecuting a couple of foreign roughs is a matter beneath him. How apply Carlyle's historic sarcasm would apply to Eastern officials who are intrusted with the direction of the observance of the public peace.

AMATEUR male leg-shows—in place of amateur theatricals—are the latest thing now in the American society. The biggest show of this kind that has yet come off was a "charitable entertainment" at the Garden Theatre New York, a few weeks since, when Mr. Thomas Kelly, the *brothers daniels* of that city, and Mr. Charles Frazer, the *brothers daniels* of Philadelphia, "gave a richly embellished and the local press drives about his "lovely rose silk gown festooned with graceful garlands, and with diamonds glittering here and there in the corage." His frock was cut low at the front, showing a considerable section of his flat, unlovely trunk, and his alabaster shoulders caused a pleasurable excitement; also his back mark for a kick, if his mentally diseased audience had possessed vigour enough to give it. The assembly also approved of Mr. Frazer's arms, which were white and delicately rounded, and taking him all over he was a soft and dainty creature, with a listable expression upon his rosebud mug. Nobody walloped this pair, or had them arrested. Nobody even had enough mental vigour left to realize that the show wasn't up to much. The cultured and wealthy American of the new generation is a faint, scented morally-decayed creature, who walks over the hardness of his lot if a fly settles on his umbrella. He is made up of mixed drinks and he isn't strictly speaking, either a man or a woman—he is only a "cholly," or a "chappie," or some other kind of duds according to the fashion of the moment. And if Washington could see him it would make that dead patriot almost wish that he had never had any Revolution at all.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary meeting to be held at the society's offices, at noon, on Saturday, the 10th October, 1891:—

The Directors have now to submit to the Shareholders a Report of the business of the Society for the year 1890, and for the six months ended the 30th June 1891.

1890.—The net Premium collected for the year, after deducting Returns and Reinsurance, amounts to \$1,147,294.97. After providing for a bonus of 18 per cent. on contributions paid in May last, there remains at credit of working account a balance of \$164,862.14 as per annexed statement.

From this sum the Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of \$6.50 per share, equivalent to 25 per cent. on the paid up capital of \$26 per share, and an addition to the Reserve Fund of \$30,000, raising the Reserve to \$200,000. The balance remaining \$50,822.14 they propose to carry forward to meet liabilities and claims still outstanding, and thus close the account for the year 1890.

1891.—The report of the Society for the present year, as far as it can be ascertained, is as follows:—

Balance of Working Account to the 30th June per annexed statement	\$413,905.02
Add estimate of premium to 30th September	320,000.00
	\$713,905.02
Estimate of losses to pay	250,000.00
	\$463,905.02

SINCE the last general meeting, Mr. C. J. Holliday has been invited to join the Board, and his election now requires the confirmation of the meeting.

In accordance with clause 110 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. P. Ryrie and J. J. Kewick retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

MESSRS. J. H. Cox and R. Lyall retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1890.	
To Working Account balance on 30th June, 1890	\$334,691.66
To net premium 1st July to 31st December, 1890	\$19,019.83
To Interest	\$5,689.52
	\$359,391.01

By Agency Commissions	\$23,696.10
Charges	7,100.85
Head Office Charges	23,077.13
Shanghai Charges	11,207.13
London Charges	29,278.52
Yokohama Charges	4,561.76
Melbourne Charges	6,346.44
Remuneration for half-year ending 31st December 1890, to Directors	7,527.98
Losses and Claims paid	406,415.93
Exchange	28,879.34
Bonus on Contributions s/c 1890 (declared 25th April, 1891) 18/0	101,205.13
Balance	164,862.14
	\$359,391.01

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1891.	
To Net Premium from 1st January to 30th June, 1891	\$709,680.85
Interest	20,441.50
	\$730,122.35

By Agency Commissions	\$18,555.49
Charges	5,914.44
Head Office Charges	23,149.85
Shanghai Charges	12,149.85
London Charges	25,804.95
Yokohama Charges	4,765.98
Melbourne Charges	7,768.44
Remuneration for half-year ending 30th June, 1891, to Directors	7,650.99
Losses and Claims paid	160,452.98
Exchange	51,613.58
Balance	413,905.02
	\$730,122.35

BALANCE SHEET.	
To Capital 10,000 Shares of \$50 each—\$2,500,000 upon which \$25 per share called and paid up	\$250,000.00
Reserve Fund	770,000.00
Unclaimed Bonus & Dividend	9,043.65
Exchange Fluctuation Account	56,156.59
Investment Fluctuation Account	
Value of Securities	60,106.07
Working Account 1890, Balance	164,862.14
Working Account 1891, Balance	413,905.02
Sundry Creditors	274,498.38
	\$1,996,572.35

By Cash on Current Account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation \$13,483.87 |

By Cash on Deposit with	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$44,100.00
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	100,000.00
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China	47,250.00
New Oriental Bank Corporation Limited	21,000.00
	\$210,350.00

By Amount on Mortgage, viz—	
In Hongkong	\$115,000.00
In Shanghai	41,884.82
	\$156,884.82

By Cash Invested in Chinese Imperial Loan, C. 1884	\$64,000.00
Cash at Debit of Branches and Agencies	1,164,412.78
Including, £100,411.15, invested in London in Consols, East India Government guaranteed railways, and other securities, £45,000 on deposit with banks in London, and £100,000 on deposit with banks in Melbourne.	
Bills Receivable	24,450.53
Bills Remitted to London	13,070.16
Sundry Debtors	140,901.20
	\$1,999,572.35

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.

We have compared the above statements with Books, Vouchers, and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns received from the various Agencies of the Society, and have found the same to be correct.

JAMES H. COX, Auditors.

R. LYALL, Auditors.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1891.

THE SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the second ordinary meeting to be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 10th October, 1891, at 12 o'clock, noon:—

The Directors have the pleasure to submit their report of the working of the Company, together with a statement of accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June last, showing a further sum of \$36,509.45 at debit of working account in connection with the property at Selama, and \$18,273.05 on the properties at Blanda Mabok and Tekk (Kinta).

The buildings at Selama are offered for sale to the Perak Government for \$3,550, and the difference of \$1,654.51 has been written off to depreciation; this amount, together with the cost of roads and other buildings, considered as an asset in last year's account, are now included in the amount at debit of working account.

The Selama account shows a total debit of \$71,023.51, and Blanda Mabok and Tekk

SELANA.—A few days prior to our last annual meeting a spring was tapped in the 147-ft. level, which drowned the pump and necessitated the purchase and fixing of new pumping machinery, constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. In the meantime levels were started at 35 and 60 feet; when the shaft was cleared of water in January, the 147-ft. level was continued for 76 feet, but nothing in the shape of a lode was found, and as Mr. Laws, on opening out and driving levels from Hooper's old shaft, where the original specimens of tin ore were found, could discover no trace of tin, and his reports being against the probability of a lode existing, it was decided to abandon operations at Selama.

This result was totally unexpected by all; no doubts or fears had been entertained as to the existence of a lode rich in tin ore.

Mr. Hooper's report, handed over by the Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company, stated that "It was more waste of time continuing the sinking of his old shaft, the richness of the lode at that point being proved beyond all doubt, having been generally accepted, the development of the property was left in his (Mr. Hooper's) hands, with the present lamentable result."

Early in November, 1890, Mr. W. Warren, by permission of the Honourable C. P. Chater, examined and reported on Selama and other workings in Perak. His opinion was quite adverse to Selama, but very favourable to Tekk, he stating that—

"This country is the most promising in every way and especially for lode mining which I have seen anywhere in the Malay Peninsula, the result has been sunk some 20 feet and shows results which I regard as eminently satisfactory; it is sunk almost its entire depth in good solid rock. There is no manner of doubt the rock so far mined being stanniferous, or tin bearing, especially nearer the surface, but though it may turn out to be richer in tin than it is now, my strong impression is that it will become or show more the characteristics of a rich copper lode, than a tin one."

Blanda Mabok he regarded as a little more uncertain; very little work, however, had then been done there.

On receipt of Mr. Warren's report your Directors were compelled to believe that Mr. Hooper, under whose advice the new shaft had been started, was devoid of the necessary technical knowledge required to direct or originate and carry on the proper work requisite for the successful opening up of a lode; they consequently wired home for a thoroughly efficient Engineer to develop the properties, and have secured the services of Mr. George Laws, who arrived at Penang on the 4th of April.

Your Directors are glad to say that Mr. Laws has a very high opinion of Tekk and Blanda Mabok, and regards the prospects as extremely promising.

Last month one of your Directors, Mr. J. Orange, visited Perak on behalf of the Board, and his report is annexed; a valuable concession has been obtained for the Company from the Government, and it is gratifying to see that there is every disposition on their part to add this Company, which, so far, has met with such misfortune in its operations.

The prospecting permit over 300 acres at Klian Babu has been allowed to lapse. No machinery has been purchased, with the exception of pumps.

The Board of Directors, by the Articles of Association, are entitled to remuneration if this amount under present circumstances they have not thought proper to draw, but the same has been placed to their credit with the Company.

Mr. Orange was invited to join the Board, and his appointment requires confirmation at this meeting. Messrs. D. Gillies and J. Orange retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

AUDIT.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Henderson and V. A. Cesar Hawkins, Mr. Hawkins having been requested to accept the position of auditor vacated by Mr. A. W. Mainland.

These gentlemen offer themselves for re-election.

W. H. RAY, Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1891.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 30th JUNE, 1891.

Cost of Property	\$155,000.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$70,000.00
Deposits Account	\$70,000.00
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Current Account	16,719.93
Cash with Penang Agents	\$2,476.33
" at Mine	\$721.70
" at Kinta	\$73.23
" in Hand	\$3.30
	\$389,935.26

Easter & Extension Telegraph Com.	\$76.82
Live Stock	40.59
Machinery	\$9,821.35
Assay Apparatus	760.62
Cost of Manager's House, Selama	\$2015.01
Cost of Houses, European Staff	2,289.50

